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MR. GREEN,

S I R,

I DESIRE you'll Publish in your next GAZETTE, this, and the inclos'd Certificates, which, I hope, will convince every impartial and unprejudic'd READER, of the Falsity of a scandalous Report, (propagated and malicious Scoundrel or other,) That I apply'd to William Ireland, junr. Inspector at Lower Marlborough, to alter the Dates of some Tobacco Notes; or that my Overseer, Abraham Rhodes, had apply'd by my Orders, for new Notes for old Tobacco, in order to impose on Mr. CHARLES DIGGES, Merchant, in Upper Marlborough, and you'll oblige

Your humble Servant,

JAMES WEEMS.

"THIS is to Certify, That the scandalous and malicious Report that hath been reported of Mr. James Weems, setting forth, That he the said Weems, did apply to me the Subscriber, Inspector at Lower Marlborough, to alter the Dates of some old Tobacco Notes, is False, as I hereby do Certify, he never did offer such a Thing to me, neither did I ever say he alter'd any Notes: As Witness my Hand, this 21st February 1767.

"WM. IRELAND, junr."

"SOME Time last September 1766, accidentally meeting with Mr. James Weems, he requir'd of me to go to Lower Marlborough, to inspect a Hoghead of Tobacco that was there, of his; and further desir'd me to tell Mr. Ireland, the Inspector, to make out Notes for all Tobacco of his at that Warehouse, and to send them to him at the Assize Court, by Mr. Graham, Capt. Bisherrick, or some safe Person. I apply'd to Mr. Ireland, as Mr. Weems desir'd me, on which Mr. Ireland said, He had not inspect'd the Hogheads, but that he had made out Notes for all the Rest of his Tobacco, and sent them by Capt. Bisherrick to Court. I return'd without inspecting the Hoghead above mention'd. As to Mr. Ireland or any other Person saying, that I apply'd for new Notes for old Tobacco, or that Mr. Weems requir'd me to apply for new Notes, the same is False.

"ABRAHAM RHODES, junr."

Now, candid Reader, if these Certificates satisfy you of my Innocence in the first Allegation, I think Mr. Frank Leeke's Agreement with me, the 10th Day of September 1766, in behalf of Mr. Charles Digges, must convince every impartial Person, I had no Occasion to alter the Dates of Notes, which Agreement was, to take All the Tobacco I then had by me, or could get ready by the last of that Month, at a certain Price. Did not such an Agreement leave me at Liberty to pay old Tobacco? Then what Occasion to alter Dates? I am certain Mr. Leeke will grant that I refus'd selling any, when he apply'd to me, unless he would take the Whole; and that the Day we agreed, I delivered him Fifty-two Hogheads, Three of which were old Tobacco, and whether he remembers it or not, I do aver and can prove it, he then noticed the old Notes, and ask'd, If there would be any more? To

which I reply'd, If I got all Repris'd that I had at the different Warehouses, believed there would be Two or Three more; to which he then made no Objection; and has since said to my Sons, He should have made no Objection to a few Hogheads in such a Quantity as I delivered within the Month, viz. Sixty-two Hogheads. That the Dates of Two Notes are alter'd, I believe, and some People may ask, Who but yourself would alter them? To which I can only Reply, as the Husbandman in the Gospel, Matth. xiii. 28, that, *An Enemy hath done this*; as I am ready to take the Holy Sacrament I never did. Therefore hope to be acquitted by every honest worthy Man; such I esteem, as to the others they are, and always will be, despised by

JAMES WEEMS.

LEGHORN, Oster 28.

IT is just now reported, that the Courts of Versailles and London have at length succeeded in their Endeavours to terminate the Dispute between the Genoese and the Rebels of Corsica. Leghorn, Nov. 1. A Ship arrived here a few Days ago from the Levant, richly laden, and among other Things had several Bales of Saffron on board; by a thick Smoke which was perceived to issue from the Hold, it appeared that the Saffron had taken fire, and several Boats put off to their Assistance, but could not board the Ship on account of the tempestuous Weather at that Time; so that about Six in the Evening she was in Flames, and was totally consumed in a very short Time. The Captain said he foresaw the Accident two Days before, and took every necessary Precaution to prevent it, though without Effect.

Paris, Nov. 24. Letters from Algiers advise, that on the 29th of September last a Galliot belonging to that Regency, brought there a Sailor, a Cabin-Boy, a Novice, and a Woman Passenger, who were on board the Modeste Frigate that was lost some Time ago in the Mediterranean. The Captain and 34 more took to the Mainmast, and 15 others to the Bow-sprit, among whom were the Four Persons abovementioned. They continued floating for Six Days, without Cloaths or Provisions, and subsisted only upon their own Urine, and some Sea-Water; ten of these unhappy People died one after another, and the remaining Five were taken up the 6th Day by an Algerine Galliot, the Captain of which treated them with the greatest Humanity.

Gießen, O^o. 29. The Day before Yesterday a Fire broke out at Mifna, a Village in the Principality of Nassau-Weilbourg, which consumed 25 Houses, 28 Granaries, and 25 Stables.

LONDON, November 20.

It is a trite Maxim, that a Prophet receives no Honour in his own Country—Experience tells us, there is no Rule that will not admit of Exception. At present, a third of Germany is in an Uproar on account of a Second sighted German, a Native and Inhabitant of Cologne. It is strongly affirmed, that in the Year 1764 he promulg'd, that the Dauphin of France would die in the Year 1765, and he did so!—That, in 1765, he gave out, that there would be a considerable Earthquake at Constantinople in 1766—and there was one!—And that, now, in 1766, he has publicly predict'd, that there will be a terrible Earthquake in London 1767; that almost the whole of Asia will be buried in Ruins, by another 1770; and, that the World will be finally at an End in 1773—This Story passes in many Parts of Germany, as a *truth*; but the intelligent seem to regard the fulfilled Prophecies, as Prophecies uttered after the Completion of the Events—the only certain Method of Prophecy-making.

'Tis said that a spirited Memorial has been sent over to Holland in relation to the barbarous Treatment which a British Subject lately received on board a Dutch Man of War.

We are told, that the Sheriff of a certain

County, lately sent up his Compliments to Mr. Akerman the Keeper of Newgate, begging the loan of his Hangman to execute some Convids, as he could not get any Body to perform the Operation. [The Ristors.]

Dec. 4. Letters from the West of England say, that the Cloathing-Business was never known under so great a Stagnation as at present, many Thousands of Poor, being idle for Want of Employ.

We are informed that a very ingenious Gentleman has invented the Method of making China, or Porcelain equal to that made in China or Dresden, of so durable a Nature, that Gold, Silver, Iron, &c. may be melted therein without the China receiving the least Damage, all other Attempts to imitate the same being hitherto found ineffectual.

We are assured that every Third Rate Man of War, stationed two or three Years in the West-Indies, suffers constantly so much from the Worms, that they are under the Necessity of being Docked at their Return, the Cost of which to the Nation is not less than £. 20,000 upon each Ship, not on account of Plank alone, but in the extraordinary Expence incurred by removing and refixing the inner Plank effectually: It must therefore afford real Pleasure to every Well-wisher to his Country to be informed, that an ingenious Chymist of this City has discovered, experimentally, an effectual Method of preserving Ships Bottoms from the Perforations of the Marine Worm. The Application is simple and so cheap, that a Third Rate will not cost £. 150. The Importance of this Discovery having been represented to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, their Lordships have been pleas'd to order a convincing Experiment to be made upon the Scarborough Man of War now fitting for Sea at Deptford, which has been done accordingly, under the Inventor's Inspection.

We hear that a Negotiation of great Importance is just concluded between the Courts of London and Berlin.

It is said, that a considerable Bounty will soon be granted on the Importation of American Logwood and Hemp.

It is said that no superior Posts in the Army will, for the future, be Disposed of or Exchanged, without the Consent and Approbation of his Majesty.

Dec. 13. They write from Quebec, that next Spring they were in great Hopes of discovering a navigable Communication from Lake Superior to the South-Sea, by Means of a great River, which the native Indians had reported to run many Leagues to the Westward.

They write from Warsaw, that the Russian and Prussian Ministers have each presented a Declaration to the King, requiring that the Law made in 1764, by Virtue of which the Affairs of Economy and Justice were to be decided by Majority of Votes, may stand confirmed; but that all Matters which come under the Denomination of Affairs of State, and particularly the Augmentation of the Troops, be excepted from that Manner of Decision. This Declaration we are told surpris'd as much, or more, than the Recommendation made in Favour of the Protestants.

Advices from Warsaw dated Nov. 13. import, that the Day before, the Pope's Nuncio had a public Audience of the King and the States. This Prelate being brought in one of the King's Coaches to the Hall of the Assembly, took his Place between the Throne and the Seat of the Prince Primate; after which he pronounc'd a Speech in Latin, in which he remind'd his Majesty of the Pacta Conventa, and exhort'd the Senate and Equestrian order to grant nothing to the Protestants beyond those Rights of which they are in actual Possession.

A certain Gentleman, it is related, very lately sent a Present to the Mayor and Corporation of the Devises, of a Turtle, for their Entertainment on an approaching feast-Day. The Turtle arriv'd, but the Corporation unhappily could not produce a Cook who would undertake to dress it: An Ex-perts, therefore, was oblig'd to be sent off to the Mayor at London, in order to get supplied with this necessary Article, which was soon procured at the Expence of Ten Guineas and a Post-Chaise and Four, which, Neck or Nothing, wheeled

W A N T E D.
A YOUNG MAN, well Qualified for Tending a COFFEE-HOUSE in this City: Such one will meet with good Encouragement. Enquiries of the Printer hereof.

ANNAPOIS, January 19, 1767.
Pursuant to the Directions of the Last Will and Testament of Edmund Key, Esq; Deceased, the following Tracts of Land will be Sold at the Highest Bidder, at Public Vendue, on the Third Wednesday in March next, precisely at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, at the House of Arthur Charlton, in Frederick-Town, in Frederick County, MARYLAND, viz.

PARADISE, containing Three Hundred and Thirty-five Acres. GOOD HOPE, containing Three Hundred Acres. And FRIENDSHIP, containing Two Hundred and Six Acres. These Three Tracts almost join one another; one of them binds upon Patuxent; and all of them lie betwixt Great Conococheague and Little Conococheague Rivers. They will be sold for Ready Cash, or Six Months Credit will be given on proper Security.

U. SCOTT, Executor.

To be SOLD by the Subscriber, very cheap, for ready Money, or short Credit,

CHOICE Lisbon Wine, by the Quarter Case, exceeding fine White Wine Vinegar, and best Batavia Arrack, by the Gallon or larger Quantity.

N. B. He has likewise amongst a great Variety of dry Goods, a new Seine, Forty five Fathoms long, and otherwise calculated for the Patuxent Herring Fishery.

To be SOLD at PUBLIC SALE, on Wednesday the 4th Day of March next, at JOPPA,

A GREAT Variety of the very best Kind of Household and Kitchen FURNITURE, consisting of every Thing necessary for a genteel Family. Likewise a very good CHAISE, with a Bellows Top, and Harness for two Horses; a Single CHAIR, on Steel Springs, entirely new, without Harness; two very good CARTS and GEERS, with sundry Plantation UTENSILS. And a likely young NEGRO Fellow.

On the Friday following will be Sold, on the Premises, to the Highest Bidder, pursuant to the Last Will and Testament of Mr. David McCulloch, Deceased,—His late Dwelling-House and Lot in Joppa, with sundry other Lots, sufficiently described in the Maryland Gazette, N^o. 1101, to N^o. 1105. Also Two TRACTS of LAND, adjoining each other, lying within three Miles of Joppa, and containing Three Hundred Acres.

For Terms of Sale, apply to the Executor at ANNAPOIS, or to Mr. Charles Lin at JOPPA. The Sale of the Furniture will continue from Day to Day, until all is sold.

(6th) ANTHONY STEWART, Executor, MARY McCULLOCH, Executrix.

N. B. Bills of Credit to be emitted by A^d of Assembly, will be taken as any other Currency, in Payment for the Furniture; and for the Houses and Land, at an Exchange to be agreed on at the Day of Sale.

MARYLAND, January 13, 1767.

THE Subscribers continue to carry on their DISTILLERY at Baltimore-Town, where their Friends and Customers may depend on being constantly supply'd, on the most reasonable Terms, with the best AMERICAN RUM made on the Continent; for which they will take Payment in Bar Iron, Flour, Pot-k. Wheat, Rye, Indian Corn, Pine Boards, Shingles, Heading, Pipe, Hoghead, or Barrel Staves, if made according to the Philadelphia Staves, and cull'd. They have also to dispose of for Cth, or Bills of Exchange, best West India Rum, Molasses by the Hoghead or Tierce, Muscovado and Loaf Sugars in Barrels, best New-England Mackerel and Fish Oil.

N. B. They have likewise for Sale, a Parcel of Choice Virginia PORK. (4th)

—OFFICE, in Charles-Street: Where all Year; and Advertisements of a moderate after: And long Ones in Proportion.